

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) **CONFIDENTIAL** REPORT NO. [redacted] 25X1A

TOPIC Volkspolizei Ordnance and Ammunition Depot in Lierseburg

EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1C PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT early March to 28 April 1951

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. During the period from 13 to 20 March 1951, trains with German artillery pieces arrived in Lierseburg at the rate of one per day. The guns were unloaded and shipped to the ordnance depot at the airfield. [redacted] about 160 artillery pieces 25X1 of various types, which included pedestal-mounted 88-mm to 105-mm AT guns with muzzle brakes and two-axle chassis; 105-mm model 18 light field howitzers with muzzle brakes and solid tires; and 105-mm cannons with solid tires. The artillery pieces were pulled into the hangars by police with long ropes. The sound of activity was heard at night. \*
2. During the period from early March to 28 April 1951, ammunition was observed arriving in Lierseburg and being unloaded at the ordnance depot and at the barracks installation at the airfield. The ammunition included 88-mm AA gun ammunition in boxes of about 120x50x50 cm; shells for model 18 light field howitzers in baskets; and fixed ammunition for 100-mm cannons. \*\* The inscription "Model 30 (or 32) Light AA Gun" was on one of the boxes. \*\*\*

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- 25X1C \* [redacted] Comment. The ordnance depot at Lierseburg airfield [redacted] 25X1C
- 25X1C [redacted] to be a collection depot for weapons of the former German Armed Forces. But it has not been [redacted] that the VPDs of the NVA are supplied with weapons for training purposes from there. Since none of the German 88-mm, 105-mm, and 128-mm AA guns had muzzle brakes, the guns mentioned in the present report were probably 88-mm German model 43 AT guns.
- 25X1A \*\* [redacted] Comment. The designation 100-mm cannon referred to is actually the 105-mm model 18 cannon. Since there was no fixed ammunition for the 105-mm model 18 cannon of the German Armed Forces, the fixed ammunition mentioned in the present
- 25X1C [redacted] may have been for 88-mm AA or AT guns.
- 25X1A \*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The model 30 light AA gun is the obsolete 20-mm AA gun of the German Armed Forces, which was subsequently replaced by the 20-mm model 38 AA gun.

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